



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
CAP Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: Sept. 2, 2017 ***4TH UPDATE***

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: Aug 27, 2016

Time: 1:35 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: Kozy Inn - 3910 S. High Street

Zone: 2

Precinct: 13

Incident Report #: 160760091

Cruiser District: 131

Victim: Mark E. Horne

Sex: M

Race: W

Age: 48

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Monteria L. Watkins

Address: 1523 Oakwood Avenue

43207

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 32

Charges: Murder (2903.02A)

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: On August 27, 2016, at approximately 1:35 a.m., the above listed suspects approached the hotel room of the victim, later identified as Mark E. Horne, where an altercation ensued and Mr. Horne received a gunshot wound. The suspects fled the area and bystanders summoned police and medical personnel. C.F.D. Medic 22 arrived at the scene and pronounced Mr. Horne deceased at 1:59 a.m.

*****UPDATE***** - Accompanying this release are pictures of the two suspects wanted for questioning concerning this incident.

*****2ND UPDATE***** - After further investigation, evidence has led to the filing of charges against the suspect, identified as Monteria L. Watkins, for Murder in the death of Mark Horne.

*****3RD UPDATE***** - On August 29, 2016, Columbus Police SWAT Officers located and arrested Mr. Watkins. He was interviewed by Homicide detectives and transported to the Franklin County Jail. The female listed in the first release as a suspect was also located, interviewed and is not currently believed to have participated in the Murder of Mr. Horne. She was not charged and was released.

*****4th UPDATE***** - On August 31, 2017, the Franklin County Prosecutor's office confirmed that the suspect, Monteria Watkins pled guilty to the Murder of Mark Horne and received a sentence of 18 years to life in prison.

This was the 64th Homicide in Columbus, Ohio in Calendar Year 2016. Incident #160760091.

Detective Rob Wachalec is the lead detective, assisted by Detective Robert Powers.

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